

One Can Of Dogfood Left Between 'Em

Ernest Cady, 21, and Frank Brown, 26, came to Torrance two weeks ago seeking their fortune.

They packed their few possessions in an old Ford and drove here from the state of Washington.

Their luck seemed to be running out fast, though, this week.

They had not found work. They had a quart-tank full of gas left and no more money. They had one can of dog food left for their one-year-old pup. They were ready to divide the dog food between the dog and themselves.

"The average man is said to be able to get along without food for two weeks," Cady declared as a matter of fact. "But

Adult Softball Games Standings

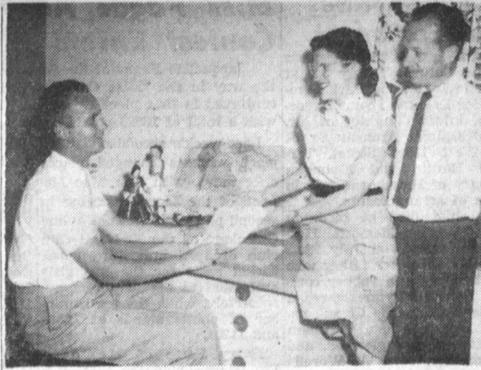
Standings:	W	L
Marine Clerks	12	0
Longren/ Aeros	9	3
Pre-Cast Concrete	8	4
Walteria B.M.C.	3	9
Dow Styron	2	10

the average man doesn't exist. We're getting pretty hungry," Cady said wryly.

The two have been living in their car all this time, moving from place to place. Cady, who came here for reasons of health, is an auto mechanic, but is willing to take any work he can get. Brown would like to do some type of work where he can sit down, being a polo victim.

"We think this is a beautiful city," both stated admiringly, despite their tough luck. "We'd like to stay here."

They may be contacted by calling FA. 8-5368.



A FANTASTIC REAL-LIFE STORY . . . a series of remarkable coincidences brought this Greek youth and this Torrance family together. The drama began eight years ago when Doctors Roger and Eleanor Thill first learned of Paul Cotroff (seated) through a strange letter which was reprinted in the Reader's Digest.

Greek Student, Local Couple Conclude Fantastic Drama

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Many unusual stories have emerged from the war. The following story, which involves a Torrance family and a 24-year-old Greek student whom they brought to America this month is one of the most unusual stories of them all.

Doctors Roger and Eleanor Thill, optometrists, who live at 3310 Primm Way, Walteria, never heard of Paul Cotroff of Kavalla, Greece eight years ago. But their paths were fated to cross through a series of fantastic coincidences.

After the war Americans were collecting clothing for Greece. These gifts from many generous, anonymous contributors went to anonymous, needy people in Greece. One of the destitute recipients of such a package was the Nicholas Cotroff family of Kavalla, Greece.

Letter to America

Such was the family's gratitude for this generous gift from America, that the father and mother felt moved to write a letter of appreciation. Since there was no one in particular they could send it to, they

simply sent the letter to Washington, D. C. with the instruction that the mailman hand it to the first American he would meet on the street.

Not knowing English, the Cotroffs took an English dictionary and composed the letter as best as they could, translating it literally from Greek to English. The letter read as follows:

"U.S.A. Washington. Demand to Mr. Postman to deliver this message to the first meeting citizen Washington's town.

"Some days ago to me and my family it was done essential help by raiment. This help came in the time — because we have been in very critical position.

"We are notable to express our deep gratitude to the same

person — which clothes we wear now — so please, sir, in your face, let us thank all citizens of great America for the help to the poor Greek population exceedingly suffered for about four years with German, Italians, and Bulgarians — our enemies." (Signed) Nicholas Cotroff.

A mailman in Washington carried out the letter's instruction. He handed the letter to Ralph H. Barrett, a Washington clerk and eventually this extraordinary letter and its story were reprinted in The Reader's Digest in 1946.

Doctors Roger and Eleanor Thill happened to read that letter. Mrs. Thill was so moved by the letter that she decided to reply, feeling that no one else would take the time or trouble to do so.

Correspondence

That started a correspondence with the Cotroffs which lasted for eight years. The Thills learned that the Cotroffs had an only son, Paul, who was 17 at the time. The Thills laid plans to bring Paul to America where he might study agriculture in order that he might have a profession and then return to Greece and help modernize his country.

It took eight years for this dream to come true, since the Thills were still going to college themselves and were not financially able to bring Paul over. In the meantime Paul had to serve in the Greek army which delayed the plans for another three years.

Paul is here now. He will begin his studies at Long Beach city college in the fall.

Goodness Attracts Goodness

"We felt as if we knew him before he even arrived," the Thills said happily. "But he is even more than what we had expected. He is a wonderful and intelligent person and we like him very much."

"Only in America will you find people like this," Paul said gratefully. "They didn't know me and they were willing to help me. Something like this makes life worth living."

"We do not expect anything in return," the Thills, who have two children of their own, said in conclusion. "We had a hard time, too, trying to get through college and there were good people who helped us. This is an opportunity for us to pay

Manslaughter Charges Faced By Lambert

Donald Lee Lambert, 27, of 143 W. 234th pl., Torrance, must stand a preliminary hearing charged with felony manslaughter in the traffic accident death last April 30 of Wilfred John Royko, 27, of 25064 1/2 Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita.

The hearing will be held August 10 in the Compton Municipal Court.

Royko was a passenger in a car driven by Lambert when the auto crashed into the rear of a motor grader parked on S. Figueroa street near Ocean avenue last April 30. Royko was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

At the time of the accident the fire department had to be called to extricate Lambert and his companion from the wreckage. Highway patrolmen using crowbars were unable to free the pair.

Delay

Lambert's trial has been delayed because he has been in Los Angeles General Hospital jail ward suffering from a broken leg and other injuries. Recently he was released on

Celebrating

Lambert told officers that he met Royko, an old high school chum, at a club on Figueroa Street near 220th St.

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